

Minutes 3/12/14

Attendees

Roberta Roll, Jeanne Mettler, Chris Quinby, Rus Davis, Nancy Schultz, John Pollok (phone)

Guests

Bob Haight and Marcia Becker (LURC)

Minutes

Feb 26 minutes were approved.

LURC Discussion

The Farmland Committee has recommended an agricultural zoning classification for the majority of the Great Field lot (99 acres) with 21 acres zoned as hamlet. They suggest the town purchase land for a road through the Great Field and land for a waste water disposal system.

The Hamlet Revitalization Task Force is still working on grant funding for a Hamlet Plan.

The LURC wants to ensure the hamlet has room to grow. The LURC feels they should still zone the Great Field as the town would like it zoned.

Roberta spoke with Bob Bernstein's planner about reserving lands for hamlet expansion. The only place the planner could foresee hamlet expansion is around Taconic Street. They felt that a waste water treatment facility should not be in the hamlet.

Roberta stated that the conservation easement is almost complete for the whole Copake Agricultural Center parcel. The LURC and Hamlet Task Force are concerned that a comprehensive conservation easement virtually ties up the hamlet for future expansion.

Marcia will get all of the facts about the conservation easement from Bob Bernstein. Roberta will question Bob about the commitment he made to the Hamlet Revitalization Task Force about reserving some land for hamlet expansion and thus gained support of the task force for his activities.

On another topic, the LURC is waiting for the Hamlet Revitalization Task Force feedback about commercial design standards in the hamlet. What is a country, small town look? Ideally new buildings should be kept within the character of the community, but the architecture currently within the hamlet is diverse. The design standards would be governed during a site plan review by the Planning Board.

If historic buildings were to be designated, the town can authorize the group that will do the designation.

Rapid Care

Roberta talked to Jay Cahalan, who spoke with Senator Marchione. Senator Marchione was very positive about the Rapid Care project. She told them that they need to file a Certificate of Need in order to proceed. A Certificate of Need is an application to NYS so that Senator Marchione can try to get funds for the project. It is a three or four month process. Columbia Memorial will bring architects and an engineer to the Rescue Squad Building and determine all of the costs of the project.

Jay was very positive about the Rapid Care project to Roberta. According to him, the project will happen. He is pleased that the Rescue Squad will be the applicant on the Dyson grant application. Jay has concerns that Dyson will not fund construction but Dyson will do equipment, if not construction. During the time that CMH will be working on the Certificate of Need, they will also be working with the Rescue Squad to define the agreement between the Rescue Squad and the hospital and then the hospital will do the application in conjunction with the Rescue Squad.

Film Series.

Chris presented costs for the project

Projector etc. \$830 Staples

Amp and speakers - under \$500 from Radio Shack

Chris will meet with Bill Newcomb to see if the Grange has money to support this project.

Meanwhile Bill said that the Grange organization is at risk. If the Grange does not have 13 members, the State or the National Grange can take over. Chris asked: If the Grange hosts this project, what do they get out of it? The Task Force said that we will do a Membership Drive as part of this project.

Possible Dates for the Gangster Film Series—April 26, May 10, 24, 31 and June 7 (or 14? **Chris** will check with Bill N)

John P. will order the films after he gets the dates from Chris. He will also check with the Library to see if they will co-sponsor (help with publicity and also finance some part of the effort.)

Bike Copake Committee

The Bike Copake committee is meeting this weekend. Hillsdale is interested in co-sponsoring the September Roe Jan Ramble. Jeanne has notified the Copake Town Board and Roberta will speak about it at the town board meeting tomorrow.

In July the Harlem Valley Rail Ride will bring up to 1500 riders through the town of Copake. Jeanne is working on police coverage with Jeff Nayer.

The Bike Committee is working on a bike brochure.

The Copake Antique Bike Auction ride is scheduled for April 11. There will be no refreshments. Just invite people.

Other

Block Party – **Roberta** will contact people and see if they are still interested in forming a committee.

The Copake Front Porch Market is moving ahead slowly.

The First Niagara Foundation grant request should be submitted in within the week by **Nancy** and **Rus**.

We should send out our Hamlet Plan RFP as soon as we receive a funding commitment from Kathy Marchione.

The Census Designated Place boundaries for Copake Falls as proposed by the US Census Bureau were approved by the Task Force. **Nancy** will inform the Census Bureau.

Nancy helped Rus put all of the financial records for CCS on QuickBooks. This will provide professional looking information in CCS grant requests. CCS can now show the net cost or gain for each project.

Roberta will be providing a Task Force report to the Town Board at their next meeting. It will include the Hamlet Plan and the status of Rapid Care. She will mention that Jeff went with Jeanne to meet with State Senator Marchione about improvements underway in Copake.

Nancy Schultz announced that she will be leaving the Task Force after her house sells and they move to Florida. Jeanne Mettler stated that Nancy will be a huge loss to the task force. The entire task force heartily agreed. At the next meeting the Task Force should talk about whether they will broaden their scope and add more members.